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HUMPHREY TERMS TRADE BILL PASSAGE "CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT"
OF 87TH CONGRESS

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In an address before the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York, meeting in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, Senator Humphrey noted that the United States is now the "greatest trading country in the world," and looks forward to a developing increasingly effective trade partnerships throughout the world, thanks to the President's new powers under the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

"Among these trading partners, none will be of greater importance to us in the future than the new community of nations rising across the Atlantic, the European Economic Community," Senator Humphrey pointed out.

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SPEECH TO THE SAVINGS BANKS ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

When the Senate approved the President's Trade Expansion Act of 1962, two weeks ago, the vote was hailed in some sections of the press as the ^{ADMINISTRATION'S} "biggest victory of the 87th Congress." Yes, it was a big victory--one of the biggest in my fourteen years of service in the United States Congress. Let me hasten to add that it was not the President's only victory of the 87th Congress! Rather, it was ~~perhaps~~ the crowning achievement of one of the most productive, one of the most creative, one of the most responsible Congresses in our peacetime history.

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Having said this, I assure you that the President will retain his tremendous legislative victory of September 19. Of all issues before the nation this year, the President's trade program had the broadest bipartisan and public support. Was this because the American people wanted to see its industries

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Ladies and gentlemen, enlightened American self-interest has been the motivating force of all the great accomplishments and decisions of our Republic since the Declaration of Independence. Indeed, this principle spans almost two centuries of American history--from the Declaration of Independence of 1776 to the recent "Declaration of Interdependence" by President Kennedy on

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One factor has done more to determine the favorable outcome of this debate than any other. I am speaking, needless to say, of that mighty achievement of the human spirit known as the European Economic Community or, in simpler language, the European Common Market.

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Unfortunately, in the field of agriculture there are certain well-known protectionist tendencies at work in the Common Market itself. Already, thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Secretary of Agriculture in alliance with the highest echelons of the State Department, the Common Market has agreed to keep the door open for continuing negotiations on certain agricultural commodities which constitute a vital

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unavoidable damage through imports is suffered by companies, farmers, and workers, the trade bill provides effective trade adjustment assistance---in the form of financial help and training to displaced workers or advice, tax benefits, and loan guarantees to businessmen and farmers.

This is a subject in which I have been interested for some time and about which I feel very strongly. Several years ago the President, then a Member of this body, and I sponsored proposals for an adjustment assistance program. In July 1958 the then Senator John F. Kennedy, Senators Douglas, Javits, Neuberger and

I introduced amendments that would have added a trade adjustment assistance program to the 1958 renewal of the Trade Agreements Act. It is, therefore, with a sense of satisfaction that I see this bill before us today incorporating such a program---a program which has now been accepted as an integral part of the trade bill.

I supported this program because I feel it adds to the import side of an expanding trade policy a new approach consistent with that applied to the export, or negotiating side. I say "adds," for the bill retains the traditional technique

of restricting imports through tariffs and quotas when the President, acting on the advice of the Tariff Commission and other informed sources, determines that such restrictions will best prevent or remedy injury to a domestic industry.

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Second. A new flexibility---ability to tailor assistance programs to the real needs of individual firms and workers and

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that of her continental neighbors. To do so required a great effort of will, a conscious divorce from exclusive imperial tradition. Even today, conflict rages in the chancelleries of Europe as to the nature and the timetable of European unity: Should Europe be a closely knit fraternity of club members prepared to accept all the rules of membership and abide by the collective will? Or should it be, as in the French view, a looser union of "fatherlands" in which each country surrenders a minimum of sovereignty while retaining a maximum of national grandeur. Should the European club

be made exclusive, for the sake of a more perfect and efficient union, or should weaker, smaller nations be allowed to partake of the advantages of membership even though constitutionally or otherwise they are unable to shoulder the full political burden of membership?

These are the questions facing the architects of European unity today. They cannot be resolved quickly, nor is there any guarantee that they will be resolved at all. It should be clearly understood, however, that they are the last remaining obstacles to the formation of a single political entity

numbering close to 300 million souls, with an economic and military potential equal to or surpassing our own. Furthermore, there is a firm will in Europe to overcome all problems.

Given this will to cooperate in Europe, it was singularly appropriate that President Kennedy should have chosen the Fourth of July in Philadelphia's Independence Hall to make his historic call for a declaration of interdependent between the United States and a united Europe.

The President left no doubt that he conceives of a partnership between Europe and America which would consist of more than sentimental ties and less than the ties between vassal and suzerain. The

proposed relationship would be one of equality---a relationship in which both Europe and the United States could provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and carry out their mutual obligations for the emerging nations and the underdeveloped areas of the world.

The President likewise left no doubt that a United Europe must not become a "third force" counterpoised between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Already, this partnership exists in more
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Whatever happens, I can assure you that the United States will put its relations with the new Europe on the bedrock of enlightened self-interest, which has served us so well in the past. The United States will neither withdraw from Europe nor will it seek to reestablish its wartime and ~~immediately~~ postwar hegemony over Europe. It will cooperate closely with Europe while the latter works out a solution of its constitutional and institutional problems. If we pursue this course, despite all the setbacks and disappointments which we may encounter, then the West will have found nine tenths of its answer to the Communist threat.

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In the past, the trade agreements program, which has been extended on 11 occasions under both Democratic and Republican administrations, has contributed immeasurably to the strength and growth of our economy and to the economies of our free world trading partners. It has become a true national policy. The Trade Expansion Act retains the basic principle of the trade agreements program--that the growth of open and nondiscriminatory trade is beneficial to all nations--but provides the means to implement this principle in the light of the challenges and opportunities facing us in the 1960's.

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I have heard it said that while we welcome the emergence of the Common Market, it creates problems for us. It does create problems, but it will create a great many more problems if this bill is not enacted. Consider for a moment the tremendous economic potential opening up on the European continent for American producers, who know no equal in producing for a mass market. The six present members of the Common Market already have a population approximating our own and a gross national product about half ours. Negotiations will shortly be resumed looking toward membership of the United Kingdom in the Common Market; and several other European countries have applied for membership. I am confident that within the foreseeable future the result will be an integrated economy comprising from 250 to 300 million people with a productive capacity approaching our own.

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trial, error, and patient persistence, through the experience of the Common Market, the European Coal and Steel Community, Euratom and other institutions, nations have learned that their pooled efforts far outweigh their individual capacities.

As a result, the goal of political unity has been an implicit and explicit corollary of European cooperation in the economic sphere. In applying for full membership in the Common Market, Great Britain, too, has in effect resolved to merge her separate political destiny with

that of her continental neighbors. To do so required a great effort of will, a conscious divorce from exclusive imperial tradition. Even today, conflict rages in the chancelleries of Europe as to the nature and the timetable of European unity: Should Europe be a closely knit fraternity of club members prepared to accept all the rules of membership and abide by the collective will? Or should it be, as in the French view, a looser union of "fatherlands" in which each country surrenders a minimum of sovereignty while retaining a maximum of national grandeur. Should the European club

be made exclusive, for the sake of a more perfect and efficient union, or should weaker, smaller nations be allowed to partake of the advantages of membership even though constitutionally or otherwise they are unable to shoulder the full political burden of membership?

These are the questions facing the architects of European unity today. They cannot be resolved quickly, nor is there any guarantee that they will be resolved at all. It should be clearly understood, however, that they are the last remaining obstacles to the formation of a single political entity

numbering close to 300 million souls,
with an economic and military potential
equal to or surpassing our own. Furthermore,
there is a firm will in Europe to overcome
all problems.

Given this will to cooperate in Europe,
it was singularly appropriate that President
Kennedy should have chosen the Fourth of
July in Philadelphia's Independence Hall to
make his historic call for a declaration of
interdependence between the United States
and a united Europe. President Kennedy
drew a consistent parallel between the
experience of the United States in forging a

workable Federal constitution out of the raw material of independence and the slow, sometimes painful stages by which a similar process would have to take place in Europe. Yet he left no doubt that he expected the European movement to be crowned with success, and equally clearly, he staked out the claim of the United States to have a special, beneficial relationship with Europe.

The President left no doubt that he conceives of a partnership between Europe and America which would consist of more than sentimental ties and less than the ties between vassal and suzerain. The

proposed relationship would be one of equality---a relationship in which both Europe and the United States could provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and carry out their mutual obligations for the emerging nations and the underdeveloped areas of the world.

The President likewise left no doubt that a United Europe must not become a "third force" counterpoised between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In short, what the President proposed, and what every American should welcome, is a discussion between the United States and

Europe---once its unity has been
established---as to "ways and means of
forming a concrete Atlantic partnership."
Already, this partnership exists in more
or less solid form---in the shape of
institutions such as the Organization for
Economic Development, the Development
Advisory Group, NATO, and others. But
the West needs a much more comprehensive,
a much more reliable instrument of
cooperation, the more so as relations
between North American and Europe become
less multilateral and more bilateral. We
need a true Atlantic Charter for the

sixties and seventies.

Whatever happens, I can assure you that the United States will put its relations with the new Europe on the bedrock of enlightened self-interest, which has served us so well in the past. The United States will neither withdraw from Europe nor will it seek to reestablish its wartime and immediately postwar hegemony over Europe. It will cooperate closely with Europe while the latter works out a solution of its constitutional and institutional problems. If we pursue this course, despite all the setbacks and disappointments which we may encounter, then the West will have found nine tenths of its answer to the Communist threat.

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